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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR POLYANSKY'S FIRST CALL

1. NEW SOVIET AMBASSADOR POLYANSKY CALLED ON FOREIGN
MINISTER MIYAZAWA APRIL 27. THOUGH SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS
NOT CUSTOMARY DURING INITIAL ROUND OF COURTESY CALLS,
MIYAZAWA COULD NOT RESIST REMINDING POLYANSKY THAT
CERTAIN POLITICAL ISSUES (READ NORTHERN TERRITORIES)
REMAIN UNRESOLVED. THE TWO COUNTRIES SHOULD SOLVE
THE PROBLEMS WITH AN EYE TOWARD THE TWENTY FIRST
CENTURY, MIYAZAWA WENT ON. HE HOPED THAT AMBASSADOR
POLYANSKY WOULD HAVE GREAT CONCERN FOR THESE MATTERS.

2. ACCORDING TO NEW FONOFF FIRST EAST EUROPEAN
DIVDIR TOGO, WHO GAVE THIS ACCOUNT OF MEETING, POLYANSKY
SIDESTEPPED TERRITORIAL ISSUE, STRESSING INSTEAD NEED
TO DEVELOP RELATIONS IN ECONOMIC, SCIENTIFIC, AND
TECHNOLOGICAL FIELDS.

3. TOGO COMMENTED THAT POLYANSKY SEEMS A LITTLE
"PUZZLED" BY CHANGE IN HIS SURROUNDINGS AND DUTIES.
HE RELIES HEAVILY ON AIDES FOR GUIDANCE. ASKED BY GOJ
PROTOCOL CHIEF UCHIDA WHAT HIS HOBBIES WERE,
POLYANSKY REPLIED THAT HE WOULD NOT KNOW UNTIL HE HAD
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BEEN IN TOKYO A BIT LONGER. TOGO HAD A CHANCE TO

CHAT WITH POLYANSKY FOR TEN MINUTES BEFORE CALL
ON MIYAZAWA, AND FOUND THE NEW AMBASSADOR RELAXED
AND PERSONABLE, THOUGH NOTICEABLY OLDER THAN WHEN
TOGO LAST SAW HIM IN 1974. (TOGO HAS HAD TWO TOURS IN
MOSCOW, THE MOST RECENT FROM 1971-74).

4. OUTGOING FIRST EAST EUROPEAN DIVDIR ARAI
(DEPARTING APRIL 30 FOR A YEAR AT BROOKINGS)
COMMENTED TO EMBOFF THAT ARRIVAL OF TOP POLITICAL
FIGURE AS SOVIET AMBASSADOR HAS TIGHTENED RELATIONSHIP
BETWEEN SINO-JAPANESE AND JAPANESE-SOVIET RELATIONS
AND SOVIET DOMESTIC POLITICS. OF COURSE ANY SOVIET
AMBASSADOR WHO PERMITS PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP TREATY
(PFT) BETWEEN JAPAN AND PRC TO BE SIGNED DURING HIS
STAY IN TOKYO WILL BE CALLED TO ACCOUNT. HOWEVER, POLYANSKY
PROBABLY HAS MUCH MORE AT STAKE THAN HIS PROFESSIONAL
PREDECESSOR, ARAI CONTINUED. CONCLUSION OF PFT WOULD DASH WHAT-
EVER HOPES HE MIGHT HAVE FOR COMEBACK IN HIERARCHY.
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